

I am concerned to learn of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary shortly before the election. I read a Washington Post article (10/11/04) that indicates that Sinclair reaches 24 percent of U.S. households. Their proposed action would seem to violate federal election laws, and the high percentage of households potentially affected renews my concern over concentration of media ownership, which should be a major concern for the FCC. Sinclair is providing an example of how concentration of media outlet ownership among a few big companies could lead to serious abuse of the public interest.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. If Sinclair continues to pursue their plans as reported in the Washington Post, I hope these actions will receive swift and severe rebuke from the FCC, if not now, then when Sinclair applies for renewal of their license.